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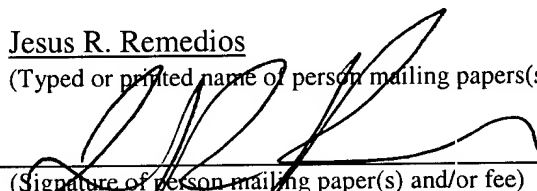
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RESPONSE TO THE OCTOBER 1, 2001 PTO COMMUNICATION

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Dear Sir:

This Response is submitted in reply to the October 1, 2001 PTO Communication received in the above-identified patent application and addresses the restriction requirement of the October 1, 2001 Communication.

In addition, a Petition for an Extension of Time (5 months) under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) to extend the response period through April 1, 2002, along with the required fee in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.17 (a)(5), are provided herewith.

REMARKS

In the PTO communication dated October 1, 2001, the Examiner has restricted the pending claims into six (6) groups which are considered to be distinct inventions. In response to the Examiner's restriction, applicants elect the claims of Group I (i.e., claims 1-15, 20, 21 and 27 drawn to isolated nucleic acids, expression vectors, and host cells) for further prosecution in this application. Applicants reserve